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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

19. (Currently amended) In an apparatus comprising a housing having a pipe passage extending between each extremity of said housing, a pair of jaws having a generally symmetrical configuration with respect to each other disposed within said housing on opposite sides of said pipe passage, and a drive mechanism connected with respect to at least one of said jaws suitable for changing a distance between said jaws, a method for re-rounding flexible plastic pipe comprising the steps of:

positioning said housing around an out-of-round flexible plastic pipe whereby said flexible pipe is disposed within said pipe passage and a major axis of said out-of-round flexible plastic pipe is substantially perpendicular to ~~said~~ said jaws;

compressing said out-of-round flexible plastic pipe by reducing said distance between said jaws until said major axis becomes a minor axis, forming a compressed flexible plastic pipe; and

decompressing said compressed flexible plastic pipe by increasing said distance between said jaws, forming a substantially round flexible plastic pipe.

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20. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said minor axis has a length in a range of about 70% to about 95% of a diameter of said flexible plastic pipe.

21. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said compressed flexible plastic pipe is maintained in a compressed state for a predetermined period of time.

22. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said flexible plastic pipe is compressed without contact between said jaws.

23. (Original) A method in accordance with Claim 19, wherein said housing comprises a moveable top positionable between an open position and a closed position, thereby enabling said housing to be positioned around said flexible plastic pipe.